

**Fenwick Island Town Council**  
**Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 20, 2012**

*Approved 6.15.12*

Call to order and flag salute by Mayor Serio 9:00 AM

Council Members Present: Serio, Langan, Smallwood, Weistling, Carmean

Council Members Absent: Tingle, Bunting

Others Present: Town Manager Burke

**Motion to approve minutes of Special Council Meeting February 24, 2012 - Council Member Smallwood**

Second – Council Member Langan

DISCUSSION – None

Vote (5-0) minutes approved

**Discussion and Possible Action – Resurface Town Hall Parking Lot**

Council Member Weistling gave a brief history: WB Paving was in town working with Mancini Restaurant and other properties. Mr. Weistling approached the supervisor about his own property and then asked for a proposal for the Town Hall lot. Town Manager Burke contacted Council members individually for an opinion on the need for resurfacing. Building Official Schuchman obtained three (3) bids for the project and collected references for the bidders. Council Member Weistling asked Council to determine if there is a need to resurface and to consider the following information:

- The Town has secured three (3) bids:
  - WB Paving \$13,500
  - Baker and Sons \$17,500
  - Paul's Paving \$19,485
- Area to be resurfaced ≈9500 sq ft
- Mr. Weistling has been advised by WB Paving that the cost of asphalt is increasing April 1, 2012 and could impact the estimate(s) for small projects.
- WB Paving has an A- rating with the Better Business Bureau; projects included municipal projects (e.g. Town of Bridgeville) and Tanger Outlets. Tanger reported that WB met all deadlines and completed additional patching where it deemed necessary without additional cost to Tanger.
- Asphalt could be extended to the sidewalks at the Public Safety Building and create more parking. Cost includes striping.
- Proposal expired after 10 days; Mr. Weistling will contact them to be certain it is still valid.

Motion to approve the project – Council Member Langan

Second – Council Member Carmean

**DISCUSSION**

Council Member Carmean believes the proposal is good; there appears to be a lot of cracking and crumbling in the lot. Mrs. Carmean expressed concern that there would not be enough room for the volleyball net; Council Member Weistling advised that it would not be affected.

Council Member Smallwood believes that the subject requires more study and should be included in a larger Town Hall renovation plan. The Town has utilized the services of Kercher Engineering for street paving projects and might be contacted about this. Mr. Smallwood also noted that the town encourages using pervious surfaces for commercial lots fronting on Coastal Highway. Council Member Weistling advised that the estimated cost to use pavers for the north parking lot only exceeded \$110,000.

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Council Member Smallwood expressed concern that future renovations to Town Hall would damage the pavement; Mayor Serio noted that the lot is in bad shape and that, even if the Town remodels the building, it would not affect the pavement. She advised that renovation of Town Hall will take at least 1-2 years and the lot can't wait.

Council Member Smallwood asked if funds are in the budget to complete the resurfacing; Town Manager Burke advised that sufficient reserves may exist in the Operating Budget. Council Member Smallwood advised that the cost of operating the new building has not been addressed; Council Member Langan advised that the Public Safety Building is under budget in spite of using some of the funds to move the basketball court. Council Member Weistling noted that the Town had designated stone/gravel for the PS building parking area but is now exploring pavers for both the new park and the PS building. Mr. Burke advised that the estimated cost is \$15,000.

Council Member Carmean asked Council Member Langan to address the surplus funds. Council Member Langan advised that the new building is \$34,000 under budget and the cost of furniture has not been calculated into the figure. Town Manager Burke advised that the Chief of Police has requested \$8,000 for furniture and that FIBD Captain Ferry has requested ~\$5500.

Council Member Carmean asked that Council consider finishing the front of the PS building and include landscaping in the area. Town Manager Burke advised that the area cannot accommodate trees. Only shallow-rooted plants and mulch can be used because of buried utility cables and other lines in that area. The picnic table can be re-located to this area. There is \$5,000 in the budget for landscaping. Mayor Serio and Council Member Carmean suggested that the Town request Sposato do a review of the area; Council Member Smallwood suggested they consider native plants. Council Member Weistling advised that the irrigation system may need repair as some of the lines seem to have been severed during construction activities. Mr. Burke suggested that a "green space" be reserved in the area being paved; Council Member Weistling advised that the Town cannot give up too much parking area.

**Vote to authorize resurfacing of Town Hall Parking Lot by WB Paving:** 4-1. Council Member Smallwood voted "no."

**Motion to adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss Legal Matters** – Council Member Carmean

Second – Council Member Langan

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 9:22 AM

Council returned to public session at 9:29 AM

Motion to adjourn the Public Session - Council Member Carmean

Second - Council Member Langan

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 AM

Agnes DiPietrantonio, Town Clerk

In the absence of Diane Tingle, Secretary